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1. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS MULTIPLE CROPPING PROJECT ONE OF THE BETTER CROP SUBSTITUTION PROPOSALS. PROJECT BREAKS AWAY FROM MISCONCEPTION THAT A SINGLE CROP WILL SUBSTITUTE FOR OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION. MULTIPLE CROPPING IS SIMILAR TO PRESENT AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES OF THE HILLTRIBES WHO NOW GROW CORN OR SMALL GRAIN FOLLOWED BY POPPY.

2. MULTIPLE CROPPING PROJECT IS FIRST TO INCLUDE A METHOD TO DISTRIBUTE RESEARCH FINDINGS BY UTILIZING EXISTING AGENCIES. THIS PROJECT WILL INCORPORATE THE RESEARCH FINDINGS OF OTHER CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS INTO FARMING SYSTEMS THAT WILL INCREASE FOOD PROJECTION AS WELL AS PRODUCE CASH CROPS.

3. IMPROVED METHODS OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
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ARE ESSENTIAL TO STABILIZING HIGHLAND AGRICULTURE.

MULTIPLE CROPPING PROJECT INCORPORATES SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION PRACTICES IN THE RESEARCH STATEMENT.

4. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF
THE MULTIPLE CROPPING PROJECT. APPROVAL OF THE MULTIPLE
CROPPING PROJECT WILL ADVANCE THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR
REDUCING OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION. PROPOSED CONTRACT
WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ON-GOING OR PROPOSED PROGRAMS.
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